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1. On 17 July 1955, earth work and deforestation had begun on the construction site on the eastern shore of the Lake Templin. Part of the material needed to fill the dam is being dredged from the lake. A location sketch made by the design office of the Deutsche Reichsbahn indicated that the railroad line will join the line to Grossbeeren near Saarmund, cross the Wildpark - Jueterbog line west of the Lake Templin and join both the Potsdam - Brandenburg line and the Wildpark - Nauen line. New railroad stations are to be built at the crossing point of the Wildpark - Jueterbog line and in Golm. Lake Templin will be crossed by a dam. A bridge about 210 meters long will be constructed near the western shore of the Templin Lake. The railroad line is being constructed as a double-track line. It was learned that the construction work was executed by the Bau-Union Potsdam and Ingenieurtiefbau Brandenburg.

2. Construction work for the new bridge across Lake Templin of the Saarmund - Golm line started during the week from 14 to 20 July 1955.
3. The Aussenring alongside the Muhlheide shunting station is to be straightened and constructed double-track in 1956.
4. It was rumored that the new ferry passage in Sassnitz was built for a new ferry boat constructed in Sweden which is wider than the previous ferry and is able to carry more freight cars.
5. From 6 to 19 July 1955, the one track planned for that section of the last connecting section of the Outer Freight Ring between Wustermark - Ort and Brieselang was being transferred. It was not known when the transfer of the track was to be completed.

6. The following information [REDACTED]

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- a. The line of the Saarmund - Golm section which had already been planned in 1953, was definitely decided upon; Investigations on the ground of Lake Templin made in February 1955 produced a positive result and made it possible to start the planned construction of a dam across the lake. The dam is to have a length of 1.3 km and to be equipped with a 2-passage bridge in its middle. The construction was

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to begin on 15 July 1955. Sand islands were filled up in the lake in late June 1955. The Saarmund - Golm section is likely to become the most expensive section of the entire Berlin Outer Ring, since the line requires extensive earth work in addition to the dam in Lake Templin including the fitting in of swampland. It is estimated that the construction in this section will take about 30 months and that the line will be put into operation only in early 1958.¹

- b. On about 15 July 1955, a 62-pair Basa⁶ cable was to be laid along the Blankenburg - Birkenwerder road. The cables were still stored at the Blankenburg freight station. It is expected, however, that it will soon be laid. The northern section would then again be connected with the Berlin net and bypass the Western sectors.
- c. The construction of the Wuhlheide - Karow section is being continued. Earth work is presently being executed between Marzahn and Wartenberg.

- 25X1A 1. Comment. For overlay of the line, see Annex. Information on this construction project of the Berlin West Ring was previously submitted in
- 25X1A Another report indicated that Minister of Traffic
- 25X1A the completion of the line by the summer of 1956. See
- 25X1A 2. Comment. The section mentioned is the Wuhlheide - Karow section of the eastern Berlin outer freight ring. Only earth work is planned for 1955.
- 25X1A 3. Comment. The planned construction of a new ferry passage in Sassnitz for the railroad ferry traffic with Trelleborg, Sweden, was previously reported. See
- 25X1A 4. Comment. On 4 July 1955, the shipment of the track at this construction section of the Berlin Northwest Ring had not yet started. See 25X1A
- 25X1A 5. Comment. The line is the north Ring which was completed in late 1952.
- 25X1A 6. Comment: Bahnsebstanschlussanlage = railroad automatic telephone installation.

Available in the CIA Library is a map overlay showing the track section of the Berlin West Ring, section Golm-Saarmund.

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